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FROM : Amembassy GUATEMALA

DATE: February 16, 1969

SUBJECT: Internal Security--Chart of Incidents, January 1969

REF :

1. Subversive activity waned early in January after a brief "Christmas offensive" which proved more damaging to guerrillas than to security forces. The month as a whole was relatively tranquil, showing a sharp decline from December's 47 incidents to a little below November's 25. Dissension within the subversives' ranks seemed to have reduced their capability during the month, but by the end of January there was evidence that they had established new alignments that may improve capability over the long haul.

2. The rash of bombings early in the new year was apparently more costly to the FAR than to intended targets. We reported last month how Carlos LUCERO Lau, one of the stake-out team for the assassination of Ambassador Mein, lost his life when a bomb he was setting in Jalapa exploded prematurely. We also reported the arrest (and subsequent consignment) of Alfredo de Jesus MAYEN Alfaro as he was apparently attempting to place a bomb. Another bomb slightly damaged some high tension wires at the Empresa Electrica's Amatitlan generating plant during the same period.

3. At the end of the month yet another FAR member was apprehended: Rodolfo Herminio de Jesus GARCIA Diaz, aka "El Cabezón." During his interrogation Garcia gave the address of his mother's house in Zone 2 that reportedly contained subversive propaganda and lists of FAR members. Garcia also admitted to being involved in the Ambassador's assassination, and when security forces remanded him to the courts, one of the charges was complicity in the assassination. Garcia thus becomes the first person actually involved in the slaying to be formally charged. He became the fourth of the dozen known to be closely involved with the murder to be neutralized.

Enclosure: Chart of Incidents

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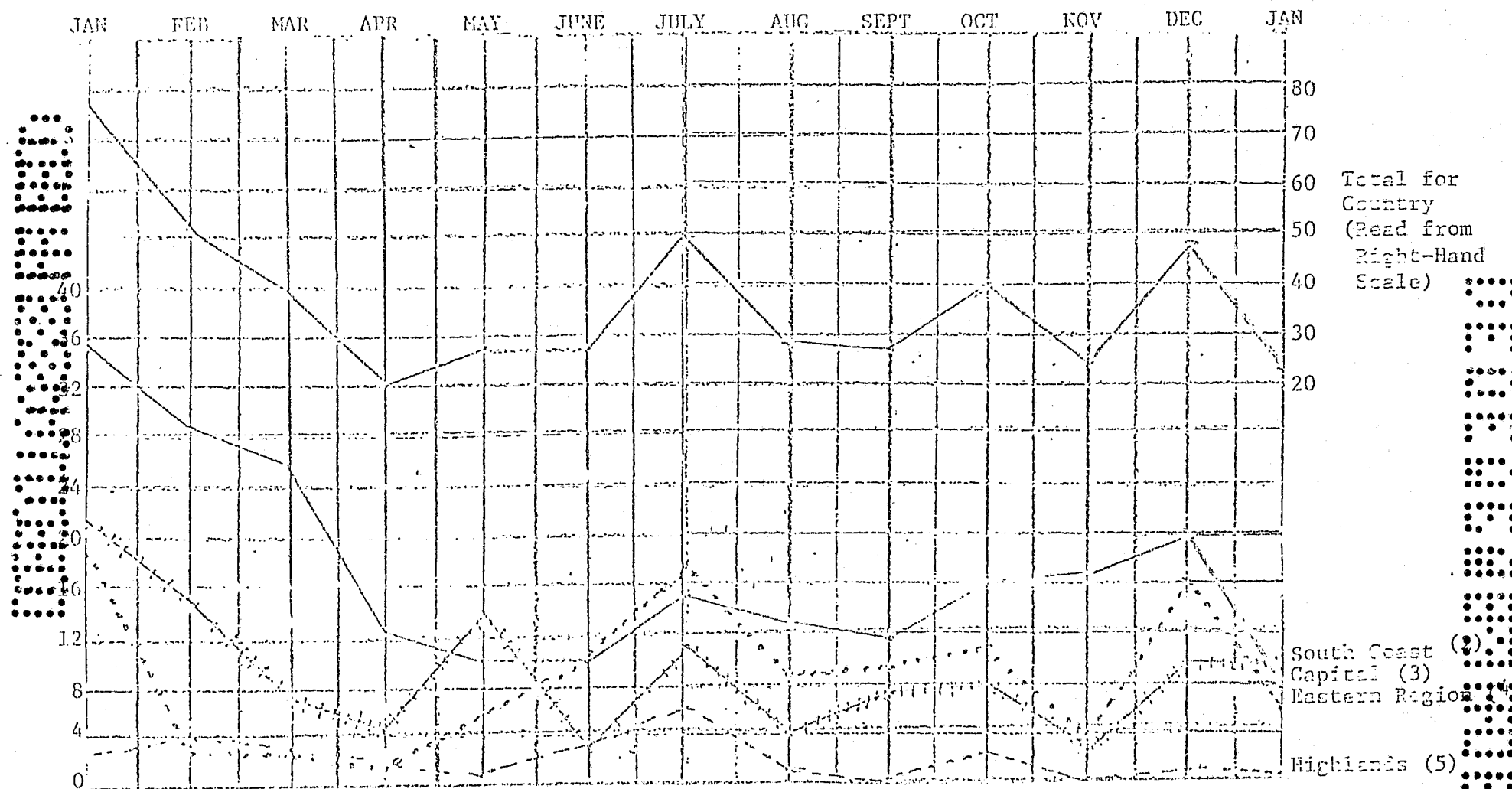
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FREQUENCY OF TERRORIST RELATED INCIDENTS BY REGION
JANUARY 1968 - JANUARY 1969

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For purposes of this graph both acts of violence, such as shootings, bombings, etc., and assassinated bodies found are counted as incidents.

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| 2 South Coast includes Departments: | San Marcos, Quezaltenango, Retalhuleu, Suchitepequez, Escuintla, Santa Rosa. |
| 3 Capital Area includes Departments: | Sacatepequez, Guatemala. |
| 4 Eastern Region includes Departments: | Jutiapa, Jalapa, El Progreso, Zacapa, Chiquimula, Izabal. |
| 5 Highlands includes Departments: | Totonicapan, Chimaltenango, Huehuetenango, El Quiche, Baja Verapaz, Alta Verapaz, Solola. |

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